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*Tacoma, Wash.*—Influenza of a very mild type is somewhat prevalent, but is not considered epidemic by the health authorities. The germ of influenza has not been bacteriologically verified in any case.

*Smallpox in Mobile and other places in Alabama and Mississippi.*

MOBILE, ALA., January 27, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to state that the 3 suspects sent to the pesthouse with a case of smallpox have developed the disease, thus making 7 for this city since the 1st instant. Smallpox exists in Mobile, Washington, Clarke, Hale, Marengo, Wilcox, Clay, Greene, Randolph, Lowndes, and Dallas counties, in Alabama, but it is thought that only in Mobile County are active measures taken to suppress the disease.

In Mississippi, besides Wautubbee and Enterprise, previously reported, the disease exists in Russell, Lauderdale County; Cartersville, Tisbomingo County; Orange, Clay County; Ellisville, Jones County, and Hattiesburg, Perry County. At Hattiesburg there are 17 cases in a pesthouse. The Mississippi State board of health is making efforts to isolate cases and vaccinate exposed persons. Over 200 cases are reported as having occurred in Noxubee County since last August. Some cases are reported near Macon. There is reason to believe the disease exists generally over the eastern and southeastern parts of the State. In confirmation of my hint as to the policy of concealment, I inclose a press dispatch in regard to conditions in Arkansas.

Respectfully, yours,

R. D. MURRAY,  
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Smallpox in Arkansas.*

[Inclosure.]

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., January 25, 1899.

Dr. H. C. Dunavent, president of the State board of health, in speaking of the smallpox situation to-day, told of a terrible state of affairs at Salem, in Fulton County. Dr. Dunavent has just returned from that place, where he made a thorough investigation. He says that there have been at least 400 cases of smallpox in the locality within the last two months and a number of deaths have occurred. He found people walking about the streets of the town broken out with the disease, pockmarked and pitted, and others falling ill every day. The local physicians contended that the disease was not smallpox, and little effort had been made to check its ravages. As a result, the disease had become scattered along the line of the Memphis and Fort Scott and Cotton Belt roads, and many neighboring towns are now infected. The disease was first carried to Fulton County about two months ago by a returned soldier.

*Report of smallpox among Russian immigrants arriving at Halifax.*

[Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 28, 1899.

*Dr. Montizambert, chief quarantine officer, Montreal, Canada:*

Report 400 Russian immigrants at Halifax with smallpox among them about to proceed to Port Huron. Will not, under your regulations, suspected as well as infected cases be detained? Please give assurance that all others will be vaccinated.

WYMAN,  
Surgeon-General.

[Telegram.]

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, *January 29, 1899.*  
*Surgeon-General Wyman, Washington, D. C.:*

Russian emigrants here all going to Manitoba via Ottawa; 1 case smallpox, all are being vaccinated and detained for disinfection and observation. Am here to superintend.

F. MONTIZAMBERT.

[Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, *January 28, 1899.*  
*Collector of customs, Port Huron, Mich.:*

When are the 400 Russian immigrants from Halifax expected? Surgeon will be sent.

WYMAN,  
*Surgeon-General.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
 OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION,  
*Washington, D. C., January 28, 1899.*

SIR: Inclosed herewith find copy of telegram sent to United States commissioner of immigration at Halifax, Nova Scotia, with relation to the 400 Russian immigrants arrived at that port said to be afflicted with the smallpox and who are reported to be destined to the United States via Port Huron, Mich.

Respectfully, yours,

T. V. POWDERLY,  
*Commissioner-General.*

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure—Copy of telegram.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 28, 1899.*  
*Commissioner of Immigration, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada:*

Michigan papers report 400 Russian immigrants arrived at Halifax with smallpox. Inquiry discloses intent to bring them into the United States through Port Huron. Advise me at once as to time of departure and inform quarantine officials that if upon arrival on the border an examination discloses the existence of disease they will not be permitted to enter the United States.

T. V. POWDERLY,  
*Commissioner-General.*

*Smallpox in Pulaski County, Ark.*

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., *January 27, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the prevalence of smallpox in Roland Township, situated in the western portion of this (Pulaski) county, about 20 miles from Little Rock. The infected territory is contiguous to the line of the Choctaw and Memphis Railroad now in course of construction between this city and the Indian Territory. One death is reported, and several families have the disease, 7 cases being in 1 family. It is probable the disease will spread considerably, as no decisive steps have as yet been taken to prevent its ravages.

Very respectfully,

L. P. GIBSON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*